



PRESS RELEASE

JULY 30, 2010

At its regular monthly meeting on July 28, 2010, the Board of Directors of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors®, Inc. voted unanimously to support the position of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Building Industry Association of Southern NM, Elephant Butte Irrigation District, and People for Preserving Our Western Heritage, along with numerous other organizations and businesses, in opposition to the Organ Mountains – Desert Peaks Wilderness Act as currently written.

We share the concerns of these organizations and community leaders that the Act even as amended would create more than 380 square miles of Wilderness where Border Patrol and other law enforcement agencies would be denied access for routine patrol. The National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers, with collectively 5,000 years of service, believes the risks are far too great that illegal entry and dangerous drug and human smuggling activities would escalate.

Our Board strongly believes that designating Wilderness on or near the US/Mexico border would have a negative impact on national security and the economy of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Board of Directors

Las Cruces Association of Realtors®, Inc.